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1. The forced labor camp at Dolni Jiretin (Nieder-Georgenthal - N51/F13), near Most (N51/F13), consists of 7 wooden barracks and several ancillary buildings, surrounded by a double outer and a high inner barbed-wire fence (see attached sketch). In addition, each of the living barracks is fenced in by a separate enclosure and illuminated by a searchlight mounted on a pole and by lamps over each window at night. This makes it practically impossible to escape.
2. The inmates of the camp are mainly convicts sentenced by State courts, but also people who were never properly convicted but only charged with disloyalty towards the present regime. The great majority of these are students and intellectuals. [REDACTED] five clergymen who were held were being treated in an inhuman manner.
3. The camp is being guarded by the Workers Militia, who handle prisoners in a brutal manner. Their commander is a tall riddle-egged man, dressed in black breeches, with a shot-hole through his left ear lobe.
4. Prisoners are put to work in three neighboring mines: Nejedly, Kolumbus, and Quido. They are taken to the first two mines in trucks; the Quido mine is at short walking distance from camp and is connected with it by an iron-mesh catwalk forming a cage all the way from the camp to the mine. In the mines, prisoners work side by side with professional miners but are not permitted to talk to each other. After returning to camp on the conclusion of each shift, the prisoners are forced to do additional work within the camp limits, such as making improvements and repairs, cleaning, and working in the vegetable garden.

Encl: 1 sketch of the Dolni Jiretin camp.

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